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January 28, 1962 - Sunday

Pleasant weather. I wrote a couple of speeches.

January 29, 1962 - Monday

The temperature today was freezing, but the weather clear. The Ambassador of Kuwait, Sayyid Khalifa Khalid Al-Ghunaim, came to see me. He is in the throes of househunting. He was born in 1921. His wife is Lebanese; they have one child. He has a degree from the American University in Beirut, and has been a member of the Kuwait Development Board, Kuwait Currency Board, Kuwait Tanker Company, Kuwait Cinematography Company. He is uncle by marriage to the present State Secretary. He speaks perfect English. He gave me a fascinating account of Kuwait's struggles to obtain fresh water. They have, for the time being, broken off negotiations with the Iraq Government to bring it in by pipeline over a distance of ~~about~~ 80 miles. They are carrying on an extensive campaign of drilling artesian wells, but will still chiefly rely on their giant desalinization plants.

E, Virginia Craig, and I lunched at Prunier's with the Duke of St. Albans. Obbie is 87 years old, but one would never suspect it. His hearing is acute, his conversation penetrating, and his appetite excellent. He lunched on a carafe of white burgundy, lobster thermidor, and an artichoke. He says he is in the process of giving his money away, and to substitute, is taking out an annuity. I really believe he intends to live to be 100, which he might well accomplish.

Barbara and Desmond Fitzgerald came to drinks with us this evening. He told me the latest news of the CIA organization in Washington, where many personnel changes are taking place.

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